THE GREEN-CLAD CATSKILLS line, whence Delhi is reached by an eight-mile

AN IDEAL SUMMER RESORT.

ONCE INACCESSIBLE, NOW REACHED BY A QUICK AND PLEASANT TRIP.

SCENERY OF SPLENDID MAGNIFICENCE-TONIC AIR AND SUMMER HOTELS THAT SUPPLY

years has become one of the settled beliefs of the American people annually acted upon, is fundamentally the idea that an occasional change of scene, a getting out of the rut of accustomed toil and surroundings and a resort to "fresh woods and pastures new" work the desirable result of re-newed vigor for the body and greatly increased effectiveness of labor for the tired brain. And the theory has of late been rapidly gaining in acceptation that change of air is no less essential than change of environment, in order that the fullest measure of benefit may be derived. Dwellers by the sea, it is held, should spend their vacations inland, breathing the dry, pure air of the mountains as a necessary complement to the salty sisture which they ordinarily inhale. It is not the least of New-York's claims to greatness and to completeness as a metropolis that she has almost at her very gates a region-the Catskills-posthe qualifications of a summer home for the people of the great city-natural beauty, absolute change of atmosphere, unsurpassed healthful-ness, pure water, accessibility and the various conditions inducing to enjoyment of the outdoor life.

Yet it should not be supposed that the host of summer guests in the Catskills comes from Newand Brooklyn alone, for the number is recruited by many hundreds from the East, from Philadelphia and neighboring cities-in fact, come from everywhere. "The Catskills" is a household name all over the land, not only because the region has long been noted for its scenery and the tonic quality of its air, but also because Joseph Jefferson has this many a year delighted innumerable thousands with "Rip Van Winkle"-for the legend of old Pip and the ghostly howlers is the best-known of all the tales which have these lofty hills and green valleys for their scene of action.

Not so many years ago a trip to the Catskills was a fatiguing and formidable exploit, but luxury is now where rugged hardship was, and the traveller, then voyaging hot and cramped-up and dust-incrusted in an ark of a stage coach, ancient of days, along the lowland road from the Hudson to untains, and no less hot and dusty after the the great hills began, because then he had to toll up the steep grade on foot to prove he was a merciful man who would spare the or beasts of burden-in these days that traveller finds no more discomfort than is involved in a ride of four to six hours in a parlor car which carries him all the way from New-York or Philadelphia destination in the very heart of the Catskill Mountains. This vastly improved transportation service has resulted in greatly increased popularity and patronage for the mountain re-serts. People count on a certain amount of "roughing it" in a mountain sojourn, but they don't want to enter upon that experience until after their arrival at the journey's end.

The mere fact that the Catskills are peopled summer after summer by multitudes of visitors is ample demonstration of the fact that the region is one of exceptional salubriousness, apart from the emphatic testimony of physicians. And not only the air but the water also is pure. All through the mountains the brooks and streams abound, taking their rise in springs far up on the steep slopes, and showing in the rapidity of flow of their clear, coid waters and the frequent occurrence of the miniature rapids which punctuate their progress to the Hudson or the Delaware, and so on to the sea, the height from which they have

ress to the Hudson or the Delaware, and so on to the sea, the height from which they have come.

Of course, the season up in the mountains is considerably later than even in the Hudson Valley, close by; yet there are compensations. For instance, strawberries are about gone in the clites by the Fourth of July, when people begin to so away for the summer; but the deliclous fittle fruit is just then ripening in the Catskills, so the people who go there may have a long period of endoyment of the berries.

Not only are the Catskills easy of access, but a so, when once they are reached, the roads through them are found to be in the main excellent. Same of the towns have bonded themselves and macadamized all their roads, and all through the mountains increasing attention is paid to the improvement of the highways. In some regions it would be entirely practicable for visitors to it would be entirely practicable. Driving is a favorite recreation, made doubly pleasurable by the fact of well-kept roads. Mountain-climbing is of course, popular, and is "the custom of the country." There are well defined trails to the summits of almost all the mountains, so that it is narily ever necessary to charter a guide. There are as many frout streams as there are mountain brokes, and in midsummer there are about as many anglers as there are trout. For, to tell the truth, now is the time for catching trout, and early pligrimage into the mountains with their rods and flies, and are well repaid by ample catch

HOW TO REACH THE MOUNTAINS.

THE ULSTER AND DELAWARE'S PART IN

DEVELOPING THE CATSKILLS. The most prominent factor in the development of the Catskills as a summer resort has been the Ulster and Delaware Railroad, the construction of which was begun in 1866 and completed four years later. Summer visitors there were, indeed, before that, and had been for many years, but it is said that the total number of them twenty-five years ago would not average more than two thousand season, a number accommodated nowadays at a single resort on the Uister and Delaware ros They used to go into the mountains by stage coach, suffering all the discomforts and weariness which that mode of locomotion involves, and it is not strange that many were unwilling to undergo the It was no easy task to build the railroad. with its necessarily steep grades and the mountain-torrents which and to be bridged and the mountainside pathways which had to be blasted out. The faith of the promoters has been amply justified. All along the road they have seen villages spring up and hotels and boarding-houses multiply, and year by year they have improved their property and added new rolling-stock and put on additional trains to accommodate the steadily swelling numper of their patrons. The roadbed is well ballasted, the rails are heavy, and the traveller on the Ulster and Delaware road to-day finds the going as smooth and comfortable as on one of the great trunk lines, an agreeable contrast to the experience he would have on most mountain railroads. The old wooden bridges are being replaced by stanch iron structures, and wherever possible the curves are being straightened out. The engines are powerful ones, and two, and sometimes three, are necessary to get the trains up the different grades in midsummer, when the traffic is especially heavy.

The starting point is Rondout, or more properly Kingston Point, two miles east of that place, where passengers arriving by the Albany Day Line steamers take the cars. At Rondout passengers from the Mary Powell or the Night Line steamers, or those who come agross the river by ferry from the New-York Central, board the train. At Kingston connection is made with the tracks of the West Shore road, through cars on which from New-York and in, and in some cases solid trains-the Catskill Mountain specials-are here switched to the Ulster and Delaware rails. The service this season (the summer time-table goes into effect about the last of this month) will include two solid fast trains daily, except Sunday, from New-York over the West Shore; a special weekday train connecting with the Day Line steamers; a morning train every day, connecting with the Romer & Tremper night boats and the Mary Powell, and a special half-holiday train from New-York, over the West Shore road every Saturday. Close connec tions will also be made with fast trains on the New-York Central, and there will be through sleeping-car service every Sunday night to New-York. At West Hurley the stage is taken for the Overland Mountain House, which is in plain view from the railroad. Phoenicia is the junction point of the main line with the narrow-gauge road up the Stony Clove and a noted summer resort. Indian the travellers who are going to ascend Slide Mountain leave the cars and begin their elevenmile stage ride. Grand Hotel Station, forty-one miles from Rondout, is 1.886 feet above tidewater and the highest point touched by the Ulster and Delaware tracks. At Arkville many people leave the trains for villages round about or for their own homes, among them George J. Gould, whose place, Furlough Lake, is seven miles away. Margaret-ville, a mile or so from Arkville, is an especial gathering-place for artists, many of whom have studios there. At Roxbury is seen the massive stone church built by Miss Helen Gould in memory of her father, Jay Gould, who was born in that little village. A few miles further on is Stamford, one of the most noted and deservedly popular villages in the Catskills, and thirteen miles beyond

THE NAROW-GAUGE ROAD. The Narrow-Gauge Read runs for ten or a dozen miles through what is perhaps the most picturesque part of the Catskill Mountains, the Stony Clove. A deep valley is to the left of the track as it wends northward way from Phoenicia, and on the its northward way from Phoenicia, and on the right the road hugs the side of the mountain. Stony Clove Notch is so narrow that there is not much more than space for the railway and a parallelling wagon road. Hunter Mountain on the west and Wildcat Mountain on the east. The Ulster and Delaware Road has the record of never having injured a passenger in the more than twenty-five years of its operation. Just beyond the Notch is Keaterskill Junction, where the line divides, one branch going through the valley to Hunter and the other to Tannersville, and on to the station of Hotel Kaaterskill.

THE WEST SHORE RAILWAY

Travellers to the Catskills who like to go from the city through to their destination without change are in the habit of taking a West Shore train which at Kingston is shifted on to the Ulster and Delaware tracks, over which it is soon rolling up the great hills. The ferries in New-York are convenient and easily reached—Franklin-st. for the Brooklynite and Jerseyman, Ferty-second-st, for the majority of New-Yorkers proper. The ordinary cars of the road are comfortable and attractive, and the Pullman coaches, of course, need no encomium. With a fine train, rolling over a carefully ballasted roadbed, the short trip up the Hudson to Kingston—it takes only a little over two hours by the Crtskill Mountain Specials, which will soon be put on for the season—is a pleasurable experience. Other trains on the West Shore make close connections at Kingston with the regular Uister and Delaware trains, and the West Shore summer train schedule, soon to go into effect, will be found to contain ample provision for the smooth and rapid handling of the expected throngs of summer guests and to meet especially the needs of business men whose families shell be in the mountains and who themselves find it possible to make only flying trips up there. Delaware tracks, over which it is soon THE ALBANY DAY LINE.

No less well equipped in its way than the West Shore Read, and the superior of that fine trunk line in the opportunity it affords to the Catskills visitor for enjoyment of the manifold beauties of visitor for enjoyment of the manifold beauties of the historie Hudson in the most picturesque stretch of its 325-mile course from the tiny Adirondack lake to the vast Atlantic, is the Albany Day Line of steamers. Going on board the swift steamer New-York or Albany at Desbrosses-st., where the pier adjoins the slips of the Pennsylvanix ferry to Jersey City—and there is also Brooklyn Annex service—or at West Twenty-second-st., if living uptown in New-York, the traveller begins in the freshness of the merning a trip unequalled for interest by a sail on any other river in the country, and not long enough to be tiring, ending, as it does, at Kingston, where a touch of variety is enjoyed in the transfer from boat to train, for the run back into the mountains. Gliding past the stately ocean steamers, with their suggestion of power to buffet giant waves and of the lands far across the sea; past the beautiful structures of St. Luke's and Columbia, and the magnificent memorial of Grant; along by the picturesque Palisades, stopping at Yonkers, threading the famed Highlands, with a brief nause at West Point, the Military Academy visible on the bluff, making a landing, too, at Newburn, where Washington made his headquarters during part of the Pouchkeepsle Bridge, its steel framework outlined against the northern sky, and tying un for a mament at Pouchkeepsle, the steamer reaches Kingston before the traveller begins to weary of the changing scenes which have absorbed his attention during the whole of the trip. The Day Line boats now land at Kingston Point, to which spot the Ulster and Delaware tracks now extend, and passengers may step directly from the boat to the cars in waiting to carry them mountainward. the historic Hudson in the most picturesque stretch

THE MARY POWELL.

Probably no other river steamer in the country has the individual fame of the swift Mary Powell, which for a good many seasons has plied her speedy course from this city to Kingston six afternoons course from this city to Kingston six afternoons out of every seven. Like the Day Line steamers, the Powell starts from Desbrosnes-st, and makes an uptown landing at West Twenty-second-st. She touches also at Cranston's West Point, Cornwall, Newburg, New-Hamburg, Milton and Poughkeepsie, and she has a record of baying made the hundred-mile trip to her pier at Rendout, including all these stors, in four hours and twelve minutes these stors, in four hours and twelve minutes Leaving Twenty-second-st, at 3:30 p. m., the Powell passes through the Highlands in the pleasantest part of the summer day, and renches Rondout for Kingston, for Rondout, though retaining its old name, is now consolidated with Kingston) before it is yet dark.

PICTURESQUE STAMFORD.

A MOUNTAIN TOWN WITH ALL MANNER OF MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

Few villages of its size have the impre which Stamford can boast. Its permanent population is only 1,000-although it shelters 1,500 strangers in summer-yet it is equipped with a water supply system, installed at a cost of \$10,000; and also a sewerage system, with chemical disposal works and an automatic flushing apparatus. The streets and the hotels are lighted by electricity, the telegraph and telephone are at hand, of course; there are three New-York matis daily in summer, and the wide, maple-shaded streets have pavements of stone. The town is at the base of Mount Utsayantha, the summit of which, 1,500 feet higher up, is reached by an excellent wagon road two and a half

miles in length.
Stamford stands 1,800 feet above sea-level, on a tableland forming a watershed which drains into the basins of the Hudson, Delaware and Susquehanna. In every direction are good roads, and many interesting points are within easy driving distance. As no other village in the mountains is so well equipped in other directions for the entertainment of summer guests, so no other town is better supplied with good hotels.

CHURCHILL HALL

First among these is Churchill Hall. This, one of the most widely known hotels in the mountains, stands in beautifully kept grounds facing and a little back from the handsome main thoroughfare of Stamford. Opened in 1883 by Dr. S. E. Churchill as the pioneer summer hotel of the village, it has been enlarged no less than four times, until now there are few more spacious houses in the moun tains. The main building and the two large projecting wings, with which it is connected by covered passageways, form a spacious court which opens on the street; and these passageways and the main plazza together afford a promenade nearly 500 feet long. The hotel has two hundred and five sleeping apartments, and has ample accommodation for more than three hundred guests. Thirty-six of the rooms have private baths attached, and nearly every room is fitted with a steam or hot-water radiator, some having open fireplaces. The halls and public rooms can easily be heated whenever the weather is raw and cold. Nearly every room looks out upon the mountains and the Delaware Vailey, and there is no room but has the sun some time through the day. Gas and the electric light are in all the rooms, and the precautions against a possible fire would reassure the most timid. In keeping with the character of the house in other respects, is the excellence of the table, to which special attention is paid; and the hotel property includes a large dairy farm, with a herd of Jersey One novel and pleasant feature of Churchii Hall is its library and reading-room, in which are kept several hundred books, as well as the principal periodicals and daily newspapers. There is also a music hall, which has a stage and dressingrooms and has large floor space for dancing. There is music here by a good orchestra every evening during the season. Excellent tennis courts are on the hotel grounds, as well as shaded playgrounds for the children. Bicycling and driving and walking afford pleasant recreation, for the roads around Stamford are good and the country is beautiful. The athletic grounds, not far from the hotel, contain fine bicycle and driving tracks, and also fields for baseball and other games. Stamford is a heaithful and pleasant place in winter, and so Dr. Churchill keeps part of his big hotel open all the

THE PINE GROVE HOUSE. One of the prettiest villages in the Catskills is Palenville, at the entrance of the picturesque Knaterskill Clove. Its popularity as a summer resort is attested by the number of hotels scattered along its main avenue, prominent among which is the well-known Pine Grove House. The hotel, which is built upon the high bank of the Kaaterskill Creek, just beyond which towers a lofty mountain, is in the heart of the village, centrally located, yet pleasantly secluded, as it stands 125 feet from the street, in the midst of a grove of two hundred pines, from which it takes its name. It has comfortable accommodation for seventy-five guests. The sanitary conditions are perfect, and the house is supplied throughout with pure spring water. There is no bar. The Pine Grove House is as convenient of access from New-York as is any other hotel in the mountains, being only four and a half hours distant by rail, the guest coming by the West Shore Road to Catskill, thence by the Catskill Mountain Rail-way to Palenville. Or he may take the Hudson River Road to Catskill Station, crossing the river by ferry; or the Albany Day Line boats or the Catskill Line steamer to Catskill. The hotel is within easy walking distance of more than a score of waterfalls, and only three to five miles from Haines Falls, the Cauterskill Falls and several of the most noted resorts in the mountains. From Palenville is seen the old Catskill Mountain House, up on the attested by the number of hotels scattered along its Falls, the Cauterskill Falls and several of the most noted resorts in the mountains. From Palenville is seen the old Catskill Mountain House, up on the mountain edge, and the journey to that fine point of vantage is only a short one. All around the village are romantic walks and drives, and the pretty spot, with its views of valley and mountain, seems peacefulness and calm personified. Yet it is populous and gay in summer, all the more so since the coming of the railroad made the journey to it no longer in any degree irksome, and developed and enlarged it.

and who yet desires all the comforts of a city hotel and who yet desires all the comforts of a city hotel of the first class, the New Grand Hotel offers perhaps greater attractions than any other house in the Catskills. Entering a parlor car in Jersey City or Philadelphia, he alights at the very lawn of his hotel, only a few hundred feet from its hospitable doors. The railrond station marks the greatest e-evation reached by the Ulster and Delaware Road, and the splendid hotel stretches its imposing length above, on a terrace of Summit Mountain, 2,500 feet above sea level. The New Grand, which is an example of Queen Anne architecture, is three stories in height, with a total frontage of 650 feet, and along the front of the main structure are big plazzas. The parlors and rooms are large and handsomely furnished. Electric bells and gas are in each bedroom, and many suites have open fireplaces and private baths. The social parlors have open fireplaces, and bestles there are eard parlors and sewing-reoms for ladies. The public rooms and halls are heated by steam, and the house is thus comfortable at all times, for the temperature on Summit Mountain is fifteen to twenty degrees lower than in the city, and there are chill days in September. Special attention has been called to the plumbing and draininge. The drinking water, which comes from the noted Diamond Spring, is almost absolutely pure, a fact attested by the report of experts who have analyzed it. The air is as pure as the water, and fog and dampness are unknown in the region of the New Grand; so sufferers from rheumatism, hay fever and kindred maladies find this notel a peculiarly desirable summer abode. It isn't customary for people to get sick up there; but accidents will happen, so the hotel has a resident physician. There is no lack of amusements for the guests of the New Grand. Mountain climbing is one, and there are tennis courts, a baseball field and croquet grounds. of the first class, the New Grand Hotel offers percroquet grounds.
S. J. Cornell is the efficient manager of the New
Grand, the season of which this year will extend
from June 25 to late in September.

VIEWS IN THE CATSKILLS NATURAL PICTURES TO BE SEEN ALONG THE NARROW GAUGE ROAD.

Hunter, at the terminus of one branch of the Narrow Gauge road, is an important centre of summer entertainments, nearly 2,000 guests being ac-commodated in and near the village every season. The main street of the town is a wide mac-adamized avenue, shaded by big clms and maples and having sidewalks of stone. The Schoharle Creek runs beside the road on the side toward the Hunter Mountain chain, and for a mile the highway is lined with frequent hotels and boardingwith stores of various kinds. Some of the houses face cirectly the Colonel's Chair, a high peak with fancifully carved summit, just across the Scho-harle Creek. Others, like the St. Charles, further from the station, command a fine view of Hunter Mountain, next to Slide Mountain the loftlest of the Catskills, and from the centre of the village hidden from view by the nearer Colonel's Chair An admirable road connects Hunter with Tanners ville and the other stations on the Kaaterskil branch of the railroad. Where the road bends toward the east, a mile out of Hunter, the Stony Clove Notch comes into view off across the valley. a colossal V stamped in blue on the dark gree mass of the southward mountains. All along thi read are houses for the reception of summer visitors, some directly on the highway, others dotting Approaching Tannersville, Elka Park is seen,

cluster of white and red cottages, part way up mountain to the southward, with Onteora Park on other mountain-side to the north. Tannersville itself has many hotels, the chief ones strewn along the main thoroughfare, which takes an up ward turn just beyond the business centre of the place. From the higher ground soon reached a better view of the mountains on both sides of the village is secured, and Tannersville is seen to have an attractive location. Haines's Corners is not far away, a little before reaching which hamle Twilight Park comes into view, and on a mountain top right ahead the splendid Hotel Kanterskill is seen, and far down the narrowing vale, through the Kanterskill Clove, is obtained a glimpse of the vailey of the Hudson, but the river itself is not here visible. Everybody who visits this part of the Catskills wants to see the Hotel Kanterskill and the Catskill Mountain House, overlooking the river valley. The trains of the Narrow Gauge road run near to these famous hotels, but the visitors already at some other resort would be likely to drive to them. The road from Halmes's Corners is a very good one, though with a steep hill to descend and another to mount. Handsome summer places are passed near the Corners, on one of which estates a herd of fifty deer is kept. In striking contrast is a little unpainted shanty just beyond this place, on which is an inscription reading: "1787. The oldest frame house standing in the Catskills." A signboard at a parting of the ways directs the pilgrim to turn to the right if he wishes to visit Cauterskill Falls—another spelling of the word, less familiar than Catskill or Kaaterskill—and following its pointing arrow he soon reaches the cleared level, in which stands the well-known Laurel House, at the angle of a deep wooded gorge which now runs out until it meets the Kaaterskill Clove. The hotel grounds sheer off abruptly into the gorge, down which steps lead to the bottom, whence an exquisite view is had of the Cauterskill Falls, the water gliding over a greeiptee close by the hotel and falling in a shewer of spray hundreds of feet below.

From the Laurel House to the Hotel Kaaterskill Meuntain House, two miles beyond it, is magnificent, and perhaps unequalled, except by that from the Grand Hotel. Yet, after all, these views are not of the same type and may not properly be compared, for at the Grand Hotel, or the point of vantage near it, the outlook is upon purely mountain scenery, while the other two hotels look down from a great height upon a painted occan"—a scene of "inviolable quietness" which makes for serenity of soul. top right ahead the splendid Hotel Kaaterskill i and far down the narrowing vale, through

DWELLING IN THE PARKS. A FEATURE OF CATSKILLS SUMMER LIFE THAT

IS GROWING IN FAVOR. There are three modes of summer existence in the Catskills-in a hotel or boarding-house. your own private cottage, and, last but not least enjoyable, the "park life," in a cottage or club-house in a community of friends or congenial acquaintances. The various parks are a distinctive feature of the Catskills, and the idea is steadily growing in favor. A tract of land finely situated as to view and not too far from a railroad station is selected, roads are cut through it, lots are sold on which cottages are erected, a handsome clubhouse is added, and the park is an accomplished fact. There is privacy as well as community. Neighbors are close at hand if you want to see them, and if you don't you can lock comfortable, but few of them are over-elaborate tecture the prevailing note of park life, simple living, with "plenty of outdoors" in it, and a re-

freshing absence of "starch."

The most widely known of the parks are on the Narrow Gauge road, perhaps the handsomest being Elka Park, on a mountain slope two or three miles from Tannersville and a liftle east of the Ston; Clove Notch. The cottage club ewning this park is composed chiefly of members of the Liederkranz and other German societies of this city. Adjoinmunity, whose clubhouse, Schoharie Mansion, is probably the handsomest in the mountains. Northwest of Tannersville, about the same distance from the station as Elka Park, is Onteora Park, or high ground, with a fine view of the mountains This association numbers among its members many well-known New-Yorkers, whose families ocmany well-known New-Yorkers, whose families occupy the cottages throughout the season. It is always cool at Onteora, and wood fires are acceptable almost every day through the summer. A stone's throw from the station at Haines's Corners, two miles from Tannersville, are the massive stone pillars which mark the entrance to the grounds of Twilight Park, the oldest and most noted of these institutions. The park is at the head of Kaaterskill Clove, and is beautiful for situation. Down the long, deep ravine is seen the Hudson River Valley, into which it leads. Facing the mountain plateau on which the park stands is the mountain plateau on which the park stands is the mouth of the wild gorge, at the furthest extremity of which is perched the white Laurel House, a toy house from that distance, the Cauterskill Fals tumbling almost from its very base into the depth below. Almost in view of the park cottages, and only a few hundred feet away, is the loveliness of Halnes Falls, spreading its tenuous vapory vell over a river precipice nearly two hundred feet in height, and keeping green with perpetual moistening the moss and the plants sprouting from the rocky clerts. The red-coofed cottages of Twilight Park are piled ther upon ther on the steep slope, some perched upon the very edge of the canons precipitous wall, others in less exposed positions on the roadways which thread the forest tract in which the park lies. The largest buildings are the clubhouses, in which many people spend the summer months who have not yet built cottages for themselves. cupy the cottages throughout the season. It is al-

THE BENEFIT FOR H. F. WATSON. A benefit is to be given to-night at the Four-teenth Street Theatre for Harry Felter Watson, a newspaper man who lost his sight through an ac-cident about two years ago, and is now in desti-

tute circumstances. The programme which is to be offered is a long one and includes the names of several favorite performers, so that the entertain ment is likely to be a thoroughly enjoyable one village are romantic walks and drives, and the pretty spot, with its views of valley and mountain, seems peacefulness and calm personfied. Yet it is populous and gay in summer, all the more so since the coming of the railroad made the journey to it no longer in any degree irksome, and developed and enlarged it.

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HOW THE VISITORS AMUSE THEMSELVES-THE OPENING OF NEW HOTELS-A BUSY WEEK.

Atlantic City, June 5.-One thousand physicians and surgeons from all parts of the United States and Canada arrived here by special train last even for their homes. They are the larger portion of the the American Medical Association at Philadelphia this week. The hotel men of this city saw an op-

portunity to return in a measure some of the kind-nesses of the medical fraternity of the country who are constantly advising a trip to Atlantic City to their patients, and they joined with the local doc-tors and city officials in extending an invitation to delegates. The invitation was welcomed heartily.

evening they were met by the city officials, local medical societies and a delegation of hotel men who took them to the Brighton Casino, where they were received by Mayor Stoy and presented with the freedom of the city. The evening was devoted to informal receptions at the beach front hotels. This morning, bright and early, the men of pills and scalpel gathered for a trolley ride to Longport and the fine ocean boulevard now in course of construcinlet was called into service, and the entire party taken for a short cruise over the sea, many of them enjoying a sail on the ocean for the first time in their lives. Then followed the real feast of the stdeshows which line the walk had entered into the spirit of the undertaking and vied with each other in showing attention to the excursionists. Every place was wide open to any one who wore the talisman of the association upon his lapel. Out of one place into another they streamed until they reached the pier, where at 4 o'clock this afternoon they watched the hauling of the big net and the other marine exhibitions. So far as the city's invitation extended the pienic ended this evening, but many have remained over Sunday. Sunday, July 25, has been selected by the recently appointed director, Lee K. Frankel, as the date for the opening of the Jewish Chautauqua in this city. It will be the first national assembly this edu-

entional circle has ever had, and the committee in charge of the arrangements anticipate that thousands of interested persons will attend. The asater S. D. Hoffman and Rabbi I. Koplowitz, of this Preparations for the encampment of the New-Jersey Department, G. A. R., next week are being made on a scale never before witnessed in this city. The demonstrations which signalized the comple-

tion of the ocean promenade a year ago were considered stupendous at that time, but they pale before the present display. Even the children of the city have been seized with the fever for honoring the veterans. The main feature of the encampment will be the parade; that is, it will be of more laterest to the civilians. This occurs on Wednesday afternoon, and will be the greatest ever known in South Jersey. Although ostensibly a gathering of New-Jersey veterans, the latter will

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not monopolize the parade by any means. There will be several posts from New-York and Phila-delphia, the military and semi-military organiza-tions of this neighborhood, and the entire Fire Department of this city with its apparatus. The old soldiers, has been forced to decline the invitation to review them, but in his place will be Vice-President Garret A. Hobart, who will be assisted by Governor Griggs and staff, Governors Hastings and Lowndes, United States Senators Smith and Sewell, several Congressmen and General Thaddeus B. Clarkson and staff. It was intended to have a bicycle parade in connection with the other, but this has been abandoned, as the time allowed for arrangements is too short. The bicycle path across the meadows, which was

The bicycle path across the meadows, which was completed this week, is already proving the wisdom of its construction. As an investment it will not a handsome profit to its projectors far above any ordinary venture.

To-morrow morning at 4 o'clock there will start from Philadelphia the largest single party of wheelmen which has yet ridden across the State. The run will be under the auspices of the Kenilworth Wheelmen of that city, and will be participated in by over eight hundred bicyclists, many of whom will be women. The party is expected to arrive at The Mansion, its destination, not later than 8 o'clock. If the weather be fair, making the affair a certainty, several hundred wheelmen from this city will cross the meadows to meet them and accompany them to the shore.

The Supreme Council of the Shield of Honor, an organization of a beneficial character which has ten thousand members scattered throughout the United States, was in annual session in this city during the week. Fifty delegates, representing fourteen States, were in attendance. The election of officials for the ensuing year and the increase of the death benefit to \$3.00 was the most important business consummated.

The edict has gone forth that there will be no "barking" on the walk this season, and woe be to him who disregards it. The authorities are determined to break up this nuisance, and as warnings have proved ineffectual they will adopt harsher methods. One individual who had the temerity to ignore the mandate now languishes in jail.

At midnight last Monday the United States Life-saving Corps, stationed here, went out of service until August I next. The past winter has been the quietest Captain Parker, the commander of the station, has known in his twenty-four years' experience.

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There were more New-Yorkers at the midweek hop of the Casino on Wednesday than ever before observed there. Among them were noticed Mrs. Joseph T. Dammann, Miss McCullough, M. P. Fleury, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Miss Mason, Miss Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Strong, R. Phelps, Dr. W. T. Shearer, J. G. Neilson, Randolph Griffith and G. K. Johnson.

The Hotel Central opened on Monday evening. The house is a handsome one, well situated and comfortably furnished. The reception which marked its introduction into the hotel circle was even more successful than Proprietor McGlade had anticipated.

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The opening of the yachting season was celebrated on Menday by Ladies' Day at the clubhouses of the Mosqu'to Fleet and Bachelors' Yacht Club. The boathouses were in excelent condition for inspection, and the yachts ready for service, but the main essential, a breeze, was lacking. Almost a thousand persons accepted the invitation of the club and made merry.

On the first page of the Hotel Rudolf's register is inscribed "Camp Pot Luck-Governor Daniel H. Hastings, Attorney-General H. C. McCormick of Pennsylvania." They arrived before the house was ready for business, but refused to go elsewhere.

Without any display or ostentation The Mansion threw its doors open for the reception of visitors this morning. Inside the house has been completely transformed.

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Among the guests of the Brighton are C. A. McDowell and Thomas Sutcliffe, of England, two wealthy capitalists, who are returning from a trip to their Western possessions. Lieutenant Horaco E. Frick, U. S. N., has joined the naval contingent there. Among the New-Yorkers under the same roof are Ex-Congressman George H. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bloomingdale, Miss McCullougn, Mrs. Joseph T. Dammasin, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ms. F. M. Merriam, Walter B. Merriam, Arthur L. Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. S. Franklie and child, Miss R. S. Bloomingdale and Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell.

Commodore S. M. Kane, of the New-York Yacht Club, was among the week's visitors at the St. Claries.

Captain Clark, the irrepressible "King of Atlantic City," a character known from coast to coast, walked into town on Monday, and, waving a wand over the ceram, bid Neptune turn the water on and open the Season.

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Judge Miles Beach is among the visitors from
New-York at the Windsor. He is accompanied by
Benjamin F. Horwitz and the latter's daugnter, New-York at the Windsor. He is accompanied by Benjamin F. Horwitz and the latter's daugnter, Miss Horwitz.

Deputy-Chamberiain and Mrs. J. H. Campbell, of New-York, are spending a few weeks at the Dennis. Colonel and Mrs. John Gault are at the Rudolf. Epropean Advertisemente.

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